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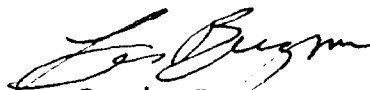
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Dear Prof. Lederberg:

It was good of you to send along your most interesting observations on the Jensen article. If only the letter had arrived earlier, we would of course have been delighted to print it. As you may suspect, we received many letters right after "jensenism" came out. In two succeeding weeks we printed those that best represented the major points of criticism (attached). It would be impractical to reopen the debate at least in the form of letters because we could never close it off. I hope you will understand. At any rate, please accept our thanks for defending the decision to publish the controversial article even though you take issue with Jensen. Some commentators were not so kind.

Sincerely,



Lewis Bergman
Editor
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